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SUBJ: POSSIBLE CHANGE IN TURKISH POLICY

TOWARDS CYPRUS

1. THE RECENT EXPERIENCE OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS ON CYPRUS AND THE AMERICAN AID CUTOFF MAY BE PROVIDING THE IMPETUS AND OCCASION FOR A SHIFT IN TURKISH POLICY TOWARDS CYPRUS. THERE ARE TENTATIVE SIGNS IN ANKARA THAT TURKEY MAY BE MOVING TO FAVOR THE EMERGENCE OF A SEPARATE TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE ON THE ISLAND WHICH WOULD DECLARE ITS INDEPENDENCE AND THEN OFFER TO CONFEDERATE, ON ITS OWN TERMS, WITH WHATEVER STATE THE GREEKS MIGHT ESTABLISH IN THE SOUTH. THE PROSPECTS OF SUBSEQUENT CONFEDERATION UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD, OF COURSE, BE HIGHLY PROBLEMATIC. NO ONE IN AUTHORITY IN TURKEY HAS OPENLY ESPOUSED THIS POSITION, BUT IT IS A VIEW WE CAN NO LONGER RULE OUT. BULENT ECEVIT'S AMBIGUOUS STATEMENT OF FEBRUARY 4 CALLING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF "THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT STATE" BEFORE THE TALKS START

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ON "THE FINAL SOLUTION" COULD BE A HARBINGER IN THIS

DIRECTION.

2. SINCE PREPARATION OF ABOVE PARAGRAPH, WE HAVE SEEN
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